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LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF LPG BY RIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Reliance Industries Ltd. has decided to cut LPG production from 2.6 million to 1.6 million tonne per annum at its Jamnagar refinery from April 1, 2008;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) its likely impact on the supply of LPG in the country; and

(d) the steps taken to meet the shortage of LPG?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has informed that their existing refinery at Jamnagar has now become EOU and there is a plan to reduce LPG production to around 1.6 MMTPA from the mid-2008.

(c) : The reduction in LPG production at Jamnagar refinery would result in increase in imports of LPG during 2009-10 as compared to the projected import during 2008-09.

(d): The deficit between demand and indigenous production of LPG is met through regular imports being done by the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). Further, with the delicensing of the refinery sector since June 1998, capacity addition is being planned in the country both by the public and private sector companies by the end of XIth Plan to meet the demand for petroleum products including LPG.